

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PLEASANT HILL R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLEASANT HILL, MISSOURI

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
August 15, 2017

President John Edenburn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Board office, at 318 Cedar Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Travis Ross led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. Steven Meyers..

MISSION STATEMENT

The following board members and district staff members were present (unless otherwise noted):

Board Members

District Staff Members

John Edenburn, President  
Lori Redwine, Vice-President  
David Hertzog, Treasurer  
Ryan Vescovi  
Travis Ross  
David Adamczyk  
Deenia Hocker

Wesley Townsend, Supt.  
Steve Meyers, Deputy Supt.  
Becky Gallagher, Assistant Supt.  
Jessica Taber, Secretary

Staff Members included: Janis Yokley, Paul Canaan, Greg Reeves, Chandra Arbuckle, Heidi Mackey, Sherry Helus, Pam Maxey, Jim Oliver, Tammy Prewitt, Jakqualen Boden, David Taylor, Darlene Eslick, Michelle Isaman, Melissa Franklin, Veronica Love, Angie Davis, Tammy Vogler

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda was presented:

- A. Approve the minutes of the previous meetings dated July 18, 2017.
- B. Approve the financial statements, monthly bills, transfer of funds.
- C. Approve contracts for Cass Career Center 2017-18 Tuition Fee Agreement, Cass Career Center 2017-18 Carl D. Perkins Consortium Agreement, 2017 Three-Year Athletic Trainer Service Agreement, 2017 & 2018 Royal Publishing; Basketball Invitational Programs
- D. Administrative program evaluations-Summer School and Discipline
- E. 17-18 SPED Local Compliance Plan
- F. MSBA Policy Revisions to BBFA and DJF, and rescinded JCB
- G. Roofing contract change orders #2-6 totaling \$68,318

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

The motion was made by David Hertzog to approve the regular agenda. The motion was approved with a 7 yes and 0 no vote.

APPROVAL OF  
REGULAR AGENDA

Tax Rate public hearing and recommendations to approve:

- A. Resolution authorizing the redemption of \$350,000 principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2013 and authorizing the publication of notice of redemption: The motion was made by David Adamczyk to approve the resolution. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Redwine-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes; Edenburn; yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.
- B. 17-18 Tax Rates of \$3.7231 in the General Fund and \$1.0114 in the Debt Service Fund for a total of \$4.7345, which is consistent with the past 15 years. Following a public hearing, the motion was made by David Hertzog to approve

the tax rates. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Redwine-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes; Edenburn; yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Reports:

- A. David Taylor presented on Summer Facility Projects, and Justin Durham (Hollis & Miller Architects) presented preliminary information about the exterior evaluation of our facilities and is preparing to present an extensive evaluation of our interior needs for the September Board of Education meeting.
- B. Dr. Janis Yokley presented information regarding many of the changes and updates from the technology department. The presentation included information on summer projects, devices added to the district and the timeline of distribution, the 1:1 Chromebook distribution to the High School students, and Project Lead the Way.
- C. Dr. Becky Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board about the safety precautions and training put in place for district students' viewing of the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21. Viewing glasses have been provided by Cass County Health Department for district students. The district purchased viewing glasses for employees. All buildings will be viewing the eclipse and enjoying the historic event.
- D. Building principals presented on Instructional Focus for 17-18:
  - a. Pleasant Hill Primary teacher, Mrs. Michele Isaman, along with Mrs. Sherry Helus, Primary School Principal, explained to the Board the Primary will be focusing this year on improving in the areas of reading, math, and school climate. The Primary School will be increasing its reading intervention "Rooster" time from 20 minutes a day to 30 minutes for all students and 60 minutes for students needing more intensive reading instruction. The primary school has adopted research-based reading intervention programs to help the students meet their reading goals. The primary school will also focus on math fact fluency and school climate, increasing the number of students who said they "like school most of the time" and the number who said that "students respect each other.
  - b. Mrs. Melissa Franklin, Pleasant Hill Elementary Teacher, and Ms. Heidi Mackey, Elementary Principal, presented the Board with information regarding how PHES will be starting a dedicated time for Response to Intervention on September 13th. Every student will be participating in remediation, review or enrichment lessons for 25 minutes each morning. Data gathered monthly from assessments and benchmarks will help the teachers to determine each student's strengths and needs. Every teacher in the school will participate in providing instruction - ensuring that we are all working toward the success of every student.
  - c. PHIS teacher, Ms. Veronica Love, and Mrs. Chandra Arbuckle, principal, presented information regarding school achievement and this year's initiatives. While most building objectives were met, members at PHIS will be engaging in learning to help them grow as professionals and to equip them to better support their students' needs. This PD will include two book studies, *Academic Conversations* and *Setting Limits in the Classroom*. Teachers will also be working with a consultant in the areas of academic vocabulary and critical thinking. Ms. Love and Mrs. Arbuckle shared information about the implementation of WIN Time (What I Need). This is a form of Response to Intervention, an approach to meet individual student needs.
  - d. The middle school teachers worked with Dave Holden on August 10th to explore strategies for increasing academic language with an

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emphasis on tier 2 language and sentence stems. He will return two more times to model teach and work with teachers. This year will use Plan Time PD to get into different classrooms to observe other teachers. This will allow staff to continue to learn from each other, will provide formative feedback for teachers, and will focus on NEE indicators and how they translate to classroom instruction. The middle school will add more structure to advisory this year to emphasize team building and student/teacher relationships. These organized activities each day will create more consistency throughout the building. This summer science and technology teachers again participated in PLTW learning. The training included a few new units with an emphasis on rigor and relevance.

- e. Dr. Paul Canaan, High School Principal, along with Ms. Tammy Vogler, presented an update to the initiatives that are underway at the high school to improve student achievement. Their presentation focused on the use of data from various student assessments to modify instruction in the classroom. Additionally, they discussed the professional development opportunities that teachers will have this year that emphasize critical thinking and teacher collaboration. Finally, Ms. Vogler explained how the promotion of programs such as KC Scholars will be a key factor in motivating students academically.

- E. Dr. Steven Meyers presented information on the new superintendent evaluation timeline and future board training plans.

The motion was made by David Adamczyk to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:04 p.m. and enter into closed session with closed record, and closed vote pursuant to Section 610.021 (1), (3) & (6) of Missouri Law. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Redwine-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes; Edenburn; yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Lori Redwine left the meeting at the end of open session.

The regular session was reconvened by John Edenburn at 10:06 p.m.

The board reviewed the 2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule and was informed of the staff tailgate on September 15, 2017.

BOARD SCHEDULE

With no further business the motion was made by Travis Ross to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PLEASANT HILL R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLEASANT HILL, MISSOURI

Minutes of Closed Meeting  
August 15, 2017

President John Edenburn called the closed session to order at 9:18 p.m. at the Board office, at 318 Cedar Street.

CALL TO ORDER

The following board members and district staff members were present (unless otherwise noted):

Board Members

District Staff Members

John Edenburn, President  
David Hertzog, Treasurer  
Deenia Hocker  
Ryan Vescovi  
Travis Ross  
David Adamczyk

Wesley Townsend, Supt.  
Steve Meyers, Deputy Supt.  
Becky Gallagher, Assistant Supt.  
Jessica Taber, Secretary  
Paul Canaan  
Jim Oliver

Lori Redwine left the meeting at the end of Open Session.

- A. Approve minutes from previous meetings  
The motion was made by David Adamczyk to approve minutes of the July 18, 2017 closed session meeting. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes, Edenburn-yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF  
CLOSED SESSION  
MINUTES

- B. Parents Request to Address the Board: Wesley Young addressed the board regarding his daughter, Tori Young, and concerns with the high school administrators' handling of a suspension from softball. The board took no action to alter the suspension.

EMPLOYMENT

- C. Personnel – 610.021 (3)

RESIGNATIONS

1. Dr. Becky Gallagher asked the Board to acknowledge the resignations of the following staff; Cortney Moreno-Paraprofessional.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

2. Dr. Becky Gallagher recommended approving the following individuals to be added to the substitute list: Debbie Griggs, Thomas Hardy, Laurie Holmes, Patricia Kelsey, Cindy Longest, Sara Mannino, Janice Parris, Janelle Sellman, Marsha Trent, Cortney Moreno (para sub), Destiny Borron, Angela Fields, Tiffany Hamilton, Diana Lentz, Nancy Miller, Andrea Murkin, Duke Neff, Lisa Smith, Cindy Steed, Cindy White, Chloe Yoder, Josh Junco. The motion was made by Deenia Hocker to approve the recommendations. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes; Edenburn-yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yes, and 0 no.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

3. Dr. Becky Gallagher recommended the approval of the following Classified individuals for employment for the 2017-2018 school year; Candice Hensley, Paraprofessional. The motion was made by Ryan Vescovi to approve the recommendations. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes; Edenburn-yes; The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

EXTRA DUTY

4. Dr. Becky Gallagher recommended the approval of the following Extra Duty employee: Lisa Dowdy, for Girls Golf Assistant. The motion was

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made by Travis Ross to approve the recommendations. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes; Edenburn-yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

- C. With no further business, the motion was made by Deenia Hocker to adjourn the closed meeting at 10:05 p.m. Adamczyk-yes; Hertzog-yes; Ross-yes; Vescovi-yes; Hocker-yes; Edenburn-yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

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